

BRITISH SKYDIVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 IN ACCURACY LANDING

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Events:

1. Accuracy Landings
2. Classic - Individual Accuracy Landings
3. Senior - Team open Accuracy Landings
4. Senior - Individual Sport Accuracy Landings
5. Intermediate - Individual Sport Accuracy Landings
6. Novice - Individual Sport Accuracy Landings
7. National Club Accuracy Cup Competition
(1 x Classic - 1 x Intermediate - 1 x Novice in sports accuracy nominated parachutist per Club entering)

Aim of the National Championships:

- a) To determine the National Champions
 - National Accuracy Landing Champion 1st, 2nd 3rd
 - Open Champion 1st, 2nd 3rd
 - Open Champions in Team Accuracy Landing 1st, 2nd 3rd
 - National Champions in Club Team Accuracy Landing 1st, 2nd 3rd
- b) To establish new National Accuracy Landing records.
- c) To promote and develop Accuracy Landing parachuting.
- d) To exchange experience and strengthen friendly relations between the sport parachutists and Officials.
- e) To allow participants to share and exchange experience, knowledge and information.
- f) To improve judging methods and practices.

1. COMPETITION DATES

- a) The Accuracy Landings event will take place on Friday 9 – Sunday 11 September 2022

2. OTHER DATES & TIMINGS

- a) Entry Form and Entry Fees to arrive by Thursday 8 September 2022
(Nationals Entry Form & Indemnity Form can be found on British Skydiving Form 274).
- b) Booking in by: 20.00 on Thursday 8 September 2022
- c) Competitors Briefing: 20.00 on Thursday 8 September 2022
- d) Prize Giving: On completion of the competition.

3. PRACTICE JUMPS & JUDGES TRAINING

- a) Practice jumping will be available up to the competition draw, but any other event in progress will take priority.
- b) Competitors are to note that training jumps are to be paid for separate to competition fees and jumps. Slots for training jumps are to be pre-purchased at manifest at the published rate.
- c) Judges training may take place during the competition.

4. ENTRY FORMS AND FEES

- a) Completed Entry Forms accompanied by the Entry Fee must be sent to Skydive GB.
- b) Team Leaders are responsible for the payment of entry fees for their entire Team.
- c) General entry fees are **not** refundable under any circumstances.
- d) In the event of any competitor being unable through personal commitments, or injury, to complete any part of the competition, **no** outstanding jump fees will be refunded.
- e) Full refunds will be available on jumps not taken due to incomplete Events. However, this does not apply to eliminator rounds.
- f) ENTRY FEE: £45.00 per person

5. BOOKING IN

- a) All competitors must book in by 20.00 on Thursday 8 September 2021
- b) All outstanding competition jump fees to be paid for when booking in.
- c) Accuracy Landings Fees: £20.00 per jump to 3,500ft
£100.00 per team
- d) PROTEST FEE: £10.00
- e) RE-JUMPS/TIE BREAK JUMPS: All additional jumps are to be paid for.

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Note: The above competition entry fee tariff includes a BPA levy towards the British Team Fund of £1.00 per person per jump.

6. DOCUMENTATION

All competitors will be required to produce the following documentation when booking in:

- a) British Championship Classic Category Teams & Individuals - Full valid British Skydiving membership.
British Championship Sport Individuals - Valid British Skydiving membership (Full or Temporary).
- b) Open Class Competitors - A valid British Skydiving Membership (Full or Temporary).
- c) Sporting Licences are not required for entry into the British National Championships. However, any competitor who feels they or their team may achieve a world record during the Nationals (or at any other time) must hold a current Sporting Licence(s) prior to achieving that record. Also, any competitor wishing to be eligible to represent the UK at a World Championships or World Cup must be eligible for a current UK Sporting Licence (eligibility criteria can be found on British Skydiving Form 110). Competitors may obtain a new Licence or the current 'stamp' at any time. Applications for a Sporting Licence or Sporting Licence renewal stamp must be made using British Skydiving Form 110 directly to the British Skydiving office. A fee applies. Sporting Licences or currency stamps will no longer be issued at British Skydiving affiliated Clubs. Sporting licences should be applied for at least one month before the National Championships, as British Skydiving will require supporting documentation for those competitors not holding a UK passport. The Sporting Licence holder must be included on an FAI database by British Skydiving, at least one month prior to an FCE when representing the UK.
- d) A completed current British Skydiving Declaration of Fitness to Parachute or equivalent for EU Parachutists (see a. above).
- e) The competitor's current and up to date Parachutists Log Book.

7. ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the British National Parachute Championships, British Skydiving has decided to comply with the FAI rule regarding eligibility.

Please refer to the FAI Sporting Code – General Section, which can be found on the documents page of the FAI website: <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents>

Only Classic Category eligible competitors can become British Champions for consideration and/or be considered for sponsorship from British Skydiving. There are no restrictions on the nationality of guest competitors in the "Open" Championships.

8. EVENT ELIGIBILITY

See Appendix 1: sub 2.

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9. SELECTION CRITERIA

2022 is a British Team selection year for the world championships in 2023. In the event of any circumstances that result in no National Championship competition jumps, the criteria used for the British team/s or individuals to be selected will be at the discretion of the Elite Performance Committee (EPC).

10. EQUIPMENT

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment. This must consist of:

- a) A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b) An in-date equipment inspection record and reserve packing card.
- c) Suitable clothing and footwear of a protective nature.

N.B. All equipment and documents (including those of other EU / non British Skydiving parachutists) must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

Whilst there are facilities for reserve re-packing at Skydive GB Ltd it is unlikely that such a service can be offered immediately prior to, or during, the competition. In an emergency i.e. following reserve activation, such a service may be provided.

11. COMPETITION AIRCRAFT

At the time of writing the competition aircraft for the Accuracy Landings event is expected to be: GA8 Turbo Airvan

12. TROPHIES

All competitors who won Classics trophies last year are asked to return them to the British Skydiving Office by June 2022.

13. CATERING FACILITIES

On site catering is available throughout the day.

14. DRUG TESTING

British Skydiving fully supports Drug-Free Sport and is committed to preventing drug misuse in sport parachuting. Drug misuse is cheating and it may prejudice your safety and the safety of others. There is no place for the misuse of drugs in our sport. British Skydiving's Anti-Doping Policy and Rules are set out in British Skydiving Form 220 which is downloadable from the British Skydiving website and available on request from the British Skydiving Office.

ANY COMPETITOR may be required to take a random drugs test. Refusal to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification. Many medications that you may need to take for common medical conditions, such as asthma or hay fever, may contain Prohibited Substances. It is vital that you do not accidentally take a prohibited substance, the consequences are the same as if you were doping. Getting it from a doctor on prescription is no defense!

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For further information, please see the anti-doping page of the British Skydiving website <https://britishskydiving.org/competitions/drug-free-sport/> which has links to the FAI and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) websites, where you can find up-to-date information about the prohibited list of substances and therapeutic use exemptions (see below).

Each competitor is STRICTLY LIABLE- this means that it is your own personal responsibility as a competitor to ensure you comply fully with this policy. A positive test result means disqualification for the whole team, a loss of any sponsorship, and a ban for the individual. British Skydiving Form 220 sets out the procedure to be followed in the event of a positive test. The test is concerned with whether a prohibited substance is present in the body, not how or why it got there. The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) application process gives competitors a means of attaining approval to use a prescribed Prohibited Substance or Method for the treatment of a legitimate medical condition. This process is in place to protect the rights of competitors to compete on a level playing field. Any competitor with a TUE must attach a copy to the competition entry form, and must also file a copy with the British Skydiving Office before he or she competes. TUE forms may be downloaded from the anti-doping section of the FAI website: <https://www.fai.org/page/anti-doping-therapeutic-exemptions>

15. PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will begin as soon as the host Drop Zone can arrange after the event has been completed and once any dignitaries who will be involved in the presentation are available.

With the exception of the Open event and the Club Accuracy event, medals will be awarded in all categories as follows:

Gold for first place

Silver for second place

Bronze for third place

In the Open event only a gold medal may be awarded. The Open gold medal will, however, be awarded only if the winner is ineligible for the British Nationals **AND** has won the event in its entirety.

In the Club Team Accuracy, only gold medals will be awarded.

16. LICENCE TO USE IMAGES

In entering this competition, competitors agree to grant the BPA Ltd a royalty-free non-exclusive license to use any video or other images submitted to the competition for training and judging purposes.

17. ACCURACY LANDING AREA

All accuracy competitors are to note that the safety of competitors, judges, officials and spectators is paramount. Therefore competitors using classic accuracy canopies will land on a tuffet and will be scored in the normal manner. The tuffet will be placed in a location decided by the Chief Judge. Competitors using any other form of canopy will not land on a tuffet but will be scored in the normal manner on an accuracy pad at ground level. This will be located in the centre of the accuracy landing area. Competitors are not to switch canopies during the competition without discussion with the Chief Judge.

2022 RULES AND TECHNICAL CONDITIONS FOR ACCURACY LANDINGS

1. GENERAL

1.1. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2022 FAI Sporting Code and FAI Competition rules for Style and Accuracy. These are available at: <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents> or from the British Skydiving office, with changes as approved by the Elite Performance Committee and ratified by the Council of British Skydiving. The 2022 FAI rules will also be published on the competition notice board and extracts of these appear below. Where an unforeseen change is felt necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition a meeting will be held between Chief Judge, Meet Director and competitors.

1.2. All participants accept these rules as binding by registering for the Championships. No departure from these rules is permitted.

2. EVENT ELIGIBILITY

2.1. **CLASSIC ACCURACY:** Competitors using classic accuracy canopies

2.2. **INTERMEDIATE SPORT ACCURACY** : Competitors to have a wing loading between 1.1 and 1.5,

N.B. entrance to each class at chief judges and meet director's discretion

2.3. **NOVICE SPORT ACCURACY** : Competitors must have a wing loading 1.0 or less
(Each competitor must show evidence that a minimum of the 5 pre declared landings has been completed towards BPA 'B' licence.

N.B. entrance to each class at chief judges and meet director's discretion

2.4. **SENIOR IN SPORT ACCURACY** Competitors to have a greater than 1.5 wing loading, **N.B. entrance to each class at chief judges and meet director's discretion**

3. ACCURACY LANDINGS: CONDUCT OF EVENT

3.1. This event will be undertaken as a Team event with individual scores to count. Men and Women can jump in the same team, as there is no distinction between male and female in the Team event. Selection for invitation to First Category Events will be made in line with ISC Male and Female categories based on individual scores.

3.1.2. Teams should be made up of 5 individuals. Anyone without a Team at the start of the competition will be grouped into teams up to 5 by the Meet Director. They will jump as a Team of 5 or otherwise at the discretion of the competition Safety Officer/CI in liaison with the Meet Director.

3.1.3. Classic Team Accuracy Event. A Team consists of a maximum of 5 members. Four scores for each round will count in the Team event. A team can throw away the worst individual score per round. Teams with less than 5 members will receive a score of 16cm for each missing member.

3.2. Scoring will be on a 2cms pad up to a maximum of 16cms. Any miss will then be scored at 16cms. All sport accuracy competitors will be scored up to 15metres.

3.3. Exit Altitudes: Team Accuracy Landing jumps will be made from a maximum height of 1000 metres / 3,500 ft. to a minimum of 900M / 3000ft. If necessary, altitude may be reduced to 800M / 2,500ft with 2 per pass, Scores will still count towards team scores.

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Note; Minimum opening height for 'B' licence is 900M / 3,000ft.

3.3.1. Each team selects their own exit point.

4. Wind Limits.

4.1. The maximum allowable wind speed at ground level in the accuracy events is set by mutual agreement of the Chief Judge, FAI Controller and Meet Director at a value no less than 6,0 m/s and no more than 8.1 m/s. This limit will be given to the competitors at the initial briefing and will remain for the duration of the competition.

4.1.2. A competitor who lands during the period 15 seconds before the wind speed exceeds the limit, while the wind speed is over the limit and 30 seconds after the wind speed has returned below the limit, and does not score a dead centre, may accept a re-jump.

4.1.3. The competitor must make an immediate decision and must inform the Event or Chief Judge of their decision, otherwise the competitor must do a re-jump.

4.1.4. The event will be automatically interrupted for a minimum of 5 minutes, if the ground wind speed exceeds 9.0 m/s.

4.2. Each Team/Competitor will jump 8 rounds in the Team event. A minimum of two rounds must be completed to declare a valid event.

Where possible, teams will jump in reverse order of placing's after completion of each round

To enable the smooth running of the competition the jump order can be changed by the Chief Judge or Meet Director at any time

4.2.1 At the end of the 8th round, the top 20 British individuals in the Classic event will qualify for the semi-finals (round 9).

4.2.2. The top 10 individuals at the end of round 9 will qualify for the finals and will do the 10th and final round. The 9th and 10th rounds will be jumped as Individual Accuracy from a minimum height of 800 metres / 2,600 ft.

4.2.3. Should there be 20 competitors or less in the event, then ALL competitors will complete rounds 9 and 10 as individuals.

4.3. In the event of a tie for the first three places in the Team or Individual Accuracy Landing the following rules apply

4.3.1. If the minimum number of rounds has been completed and in the opinion of the Meet Director, in consultation with the Chief Judge, there is not enough time left to complete the next round with all competitors where possible tie-break jumps shall be made.

4.3.2. If this does not break a tie then the competitor or team with the greater number of low scores (i.e. for teams the score as defined 5.1.8.5 in the INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING COMMISSION 2022 COMPETITION RULES FOR FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY) from all completed jumps, including the tie-breaking jumps, obtains the higher place.

4.3.3. If the tie remains, the competitor with the lowest score, starting with the last completed jump, including tie-breaking jumps, and continuing in reverse order, jump by jump until the tie is broken, obtains the higher place. If the tie remains in the Team Accuracy Landing all 5 team scores are used for each round, then 4.3.2 above is again used with these scores.

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4.3.4. If the tie cannot be broken, the competitors or teams concerned shall be declared co- medallists.

4.3.5. All other ties will be ranked equal.

5. NATIONAL CLUB ACCURACY CUP COMPETITION

Clubs can enter any number of Teams.

5.1. The Team will consist of one Classic, one Intermediate and one Novice pilot in sports accuracy and must register for this competition prior to the start of the Championships.

5.1.1. The winning Team will be the Team with the lowest combined placings in each category. There will be no 2nd or 3rd place awards. Evidence of membership to the Club being represented may be required.

6. DETERMINATION OF BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

6.1. The title of British National Accuracy Landing Champion will be awarded to the British competitor with the lowest total distance for all completed rounds.

6.1.1. Foreign competitors will only be eligible for the open events, their scores and positions will not be counted in the determination of British results.

6.1.2. Novice, Intermediate and Senior in sports accuracy events are for both men and women. There are no separate categories.

7. RULES SPECIFIC TO SPORT ACCURACY

7.1 General, Sport Accuracy is over a maximum of 6 rounds.

7.1.1 Maximum total score is 90 Metres.

7.1.2 The target dead centre is 0.40 metres in diameter.

7.1.3 The individuals with lowest total accumulated scores will be the winners.

7.2 Exit Procedures

7.2.1 Each competitor is personally responsible for selecting a proper exit point.

7.3 Scoring

7.3.1 Competitors will be judged on the following three tasks:

7.3.1.1 Accuracy: The distance between their first point of contact and the rim of the target dead centre will be measured with a possible score of zero metres (dead centre) to 15 metres maximum.

7.3.1.2 Stand-up landing: Failure to perform a stand-up landing will receive a 15-metre score.

7.3.1.3 Landing control: The competitor will receive a 15-metre score if:

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- the first point of contact is not within the 30-metre-diameter circle, or;
- the competitor fails to contain the landing within the 30-metre-diameter circle.

7.4 Judging and Recording Sport Accuracy

7.4.1 Landings are judged by at least three principal judges.

7.4.2 The only persons allowed within the 30-metre circle during jumping are members of the panel of judges and necessary members of the organising staff.

7.4.3 The dead-centre target must be repositioned or uncovered immediately after the landing of any competitor who moves or covers its location.

7.4.4 After a landing, competitors must leave the target area immediately.

7.4.5 An official appointed by the Meet Director and approved by the Chief Judge will observe the wind speed and direction at the anemometer.

7.4.6 One or more observers should watch each jump made and observe the competitors on opening and during their descent.

7.4.6.1 The observer should check the time between opening and landing and any conditions that might constitute grounds for a re-jump.

7.4.6.2 A written record should be made of the observations.

7.4.7 If any judge observes a change in winds aloft which prevent one or more competitors from making a reasonable accuracy approach on the target despite having exited at the correct point, that judge must immediately inform the Event Judge or the Chief Judge of the observation.

7.4.8 If there is a serious or sudden change in the meteorological conditions or in the winds aloft, the Chief Judge or the Event Judge, with the concurrence of the Meet Director, may decide to interrupt an event.

7.4.8.1 This decision is not grounds for a protest.

7.4.8.2 The interruption must be made in a way which clearly shows it to the jumpers concerned, who must be granted re-jumps, and also to the judges at the target.

CHAPTER 7: SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

COMPETITION RULES

7.5 Technical Equipment

7.5.1 Windsock:

7.5.1.1 The windsock must be capable of responding to winds of at least two m/s and should have a minimum length of four metres and a minimum diameter at the inlet of 60 cm.

- The judges determine its location, which is at a fixed place approximately 50 metres from the target centre.
- Placement of the windsock is not subject to any protest.

7.6 Equipment and Clothing

7.6.1 Competitors will be assigned numbers before the competition, and the assigned number must be visible on the individual during the events.

7.6.1.1 A competitor who wilfully fails to properly display the assigned number shall receive the maximum score for that jump.

7.7 Re-jumps

7.7.1 In Sport Accuracy, a re-jump may be awarded if a competitor:

7.7.1.1 Experiences a malfunction:

- A sport accuracy competitor with a canopy malfunction that creates a control problem must make no attempt to land in the target area.
- A judge must verify by equipment inspection or observation that the competitor had a malfunction.
- A control problem is an adverse condition of the canopy making it virtually impossible to safely attempt a precision target approach, or an adverse steering configuration which prevents a competitor from demonstrating his or her skill.
- If a judge's inspection reveals that the canopy's condition resulted from faulty equipment, unacceptable rigging or deployment technique, or from any situation illustrating improper judgment or lack of control by a competitor, no re-jump will be awarded.

7.7.1.2 In the opinion of any judge is prevented by winds aloft from making a reasonable accuracy approach on the target, though having exited at the correct point

7.7.1.3 Is in the air during an official period of halted jumping due to exceeded wind speed or any other reason deemed appropriate by the Chief Judge or Meet Director.

7.7.1.4 Re-jump resulting from a conflict

- A re-jump may be awarded to any competitor for whom the Event Judge determines that a canopy conflict with another jumper hampered his or her approach.
- If the conflict is with the competitor's own teammate, the team is not awarded a re jump, and the competitor's score for the landing after the canopy conflict counts toward the team score for that round.

7.8 Safety

7.8.1 The chief judge may issue a yellow card for a safety violation. They will be issued in general for unsafe actions, lack of sufficient canopy control or erratic canopy handling.

7.8.2 A second yellow card is the equivalent of the issuance of a red card.

7.8.3 The chief judge may issue a red card without a prior yellow card for any action that presents immediate danger and safety hazard to the competitor or others in the air or on the ground.

Examples of this include low turn approaches or flying the canopy in an uncontrolled manner into any person or objects.

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7.8.4 The issuance of a red card will result in the disqualification of the competitor from further participation in the Sport Accuracy event, including the deletion of any results achieved already during the competition. They will be marked as “disqualified” in the ranking list after all competitors with regular results.

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